Enquiry into theft of documents from AIIMS

1870. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some documents were stolen from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences on 14th December, 1997;

(b) if so, whether the issue had been handed over to crime-branch for probe;

(c) if so, the findings of the enquiry; and

(d) if not, the reaons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) The Institute have reported that on the night of 14th December, 1997, some offices in the Administrative Block had been ransacked. Scrutiny of the papers did not reveal any apparent loss of documents/ files.

(b) to (d) The Institute reported the matter to the Police Authorities who investigated the matter. The Institute has been asked to check with the Police Authorities as to whether or not the matter has been transferred to Crime Branch.

Fall in Allocation for Public Health

1871. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HELATH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allocation for public health had fallen from 3.3% in the First Five Year Plan to 1.74% in the Eighth Plan, when the Country's population has increased from around 35 crores to 95 crore; and

(b) if so, the number of people for whom health facilities are beyound reach at present and those who have no access to sanitation and safe drinking facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) In the First Five Year Plan period, Health, Family Welfare, and Water Supply and Sanitation were all assigned resources collectively, under Public Health. Sebsequently over the next four Plan periods, Family Welfare, Water Supply and Sanitation Programmes have been implemented through separate Departments. Therefore, comparison with outlays on Public Health between the First Plan and Eighth Plan, periods is not practical. However, in the Eighth Plan, the outlays on Health, Family Welfare, and Water Supply and Sanitation were respectively 1.7% 1.4.% and 3.8% of the Public Sector outlay.

(b) There is a vast network of Sub-Cetres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres, Which cater to the Health needs of people in Rural Areas. Most of the Services are offered at free of cost or nominal rates, and are within the reach of the public.

As per information available in Economic Survey 1996-97, percentage of population covered with safe drinking water and sanitation facilities is given below;

		Percentage coverage (As on March 31, 1996)
(i)	**Drinking Water Supply**	
	Rural	: 82.00
	Urban	: 85.00
(ii)	**Sanitation Facilities**	
	Rural	: 4.64
	Urban	: 50.00

Fragile Health care Infrastructure in the Country

1872. SHRI WASIM AHMAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent study conducted by the Indra-